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COLLEGEVILLE, PA., THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 1919.

THE "HOME PAPER" OF THE MIDDLE SECTION OF PROSPEROUS MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

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#### ABOUT TOWN NOTES.

Misses Minnie and Clara Moyer, of Ironbridge, spent Sunday with Mrs. Kathryn Moyer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gristock and Miss Bertha Gristock and Misses Elsie and Marguerite Conway spent the week end in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Emma Prizer is spending some time in Camden, N. J.

Mr. Wm. Fenton, Jr., of New York, is spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fenton.

Mrs. F. W. Gristock entertained the Sewing Club on Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Bertha Kratz and daughters Blanche and Sarah spent Saturday in Norristown.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ashenfelter spent the week end in Philadelphia.

Miss Ella Kratz, of Lower Providence, was the Wednesday guest of Miss Elizabeth Kratz.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Francis spent Thursday in Lebanon.

Sgt. Nelson Miller, of Washington, D. C., spent the week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. B. Miller.

Mrs. Schiele was in town over the week end.

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#### THE DEATH ROLL.

Edith, daughter of Harry and Sarah Jones, of East Norriton township, died Sunday morning. Funeral (private) on Wednesday at 11 o'clock. Interment in Westminister cemetery, near Cynwyd; undertaker, J. L. Bechtel.

Janette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frankengraber, of Neiffer, died on Thursday, aged 2 years, 8 months and 26 days. Funeral on Tuesday. Interment at Limerick Centre; undertaker, F. W. Shallop.

Jacob E. Medinger, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Medinger, of Limerick, died on Tuesday. Funeral on Friday at 2 p. m. at the Reformed church and cemetery, Schwensville; undertaker, F. W. Shallop.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE.

The next number in the lecture and entertainment course conducted at the College will be an illustrated lecture by Doctor Frank P. Graves, Dean of the School of Education of the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Graves is a finished speaker and a very popular lecturer. As a scholar and investigator, he brings to his hearers matters of fact and figures, otherwise available. His bright and humorous manner of speaking together with the many rare pictures which accompany his lecture make him interesting to all classes of hearers. The lecture will be held on Tuesday evening, March 18, at eight o'clock. No reserved seats. General admission, 25 cents. Pay as you enter.

DAYLIGHT SAVING.

Since no action to the contrary was taken by Congress before its adjournment, daylight saving law will continue in force. Clocks will be set one hour ahead on the last Sunday of this month at 2 a. m. The law is unpopular with the farmers on account of the dampness upon the land in the early morning hours and the closing of toll when the temperature is favorable for the prosecution of farm labor.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION.

Mr. A. H. Pearson, President of the Freed Healer Company, of Collegeville, has exchanged real estate holdings in Atlantic City for the Register Building in Norristown, recently purchased by B. E. Block. The building will be fitted up for a storeroom and private apartments.

A Mild February.

The month of February, 1919, was a winter month of unusually high temperature. Our local weather prophets failed to account for it and faith in the g. h. received a grand jar. Up to this time there has been less than a total of three inches of snowfall since December 21, 1918, and since then the Perkiomen was covered only once with ice. Mild March weather has thus far prevailed, and the indications are favorable to an early spring. Should there be time ahead for a blizzard or two.

BOLD AUTOMOBILE THEIF.

About four o'clock yesterday morning an automobilist of Three Tuns, this county, left his machine standing on the Reading pike, just below Limerick Centre, to phone from the Limerick Centre hotel to Henry Yost, Jr., of Collegeville, for gasoline. When he returned his car was gone. Mr. Yost accompanied the man and searched for him but no trace of the machine could be found.

High School Literary Society Meeting.

A very enjoyable meeting of the High School Literary Society of Collegeville was held in the school building, Friday afternoon. The program was as follows: Exercises by chaplain, Louis Cornish; recitation, Agnes Donnell, violin solo, Oscar Johnson; original story, Florence Fegely; singing by society—"The Spanish Cavalier"; recitation, Susan Hughes; current events, Abram Hallman; piano solo, Marguerite Conway. Debate—Resolved, "That the Naturalization Laws of the U. S. Should Be More Stringent." Affirmative—Milton Styer, Margaret Allebach, Michael Bille; negative—Ruth Drach, Fenton Plush, Ella Ebert. The judges were Frederick Mergenthaler, Blanche Kratz and Daniel Ludwig. Reading of Kermit, Siegfried Baden; critic's report, Miss Scholl; singing by society—"Collegeville, Our High School."

Bruder Case Continued.

Argument before Court at Norristown upon the motion for a new trial for Frank Bruder of Arcola, convicted at the last term of court of the larceny of parts from the automobile of Henry K. Tyson has been continued until March 24 on account of the record just having been filed. This was the case in which the defendant was convicted upon a remarkable chain of circumstantial evidence and in which two Norristown young women, whose husbands were in France, figured prominently.

Meeting of Supervisors Association.

The 13th annual meeting of the Montgomery County Supervisors' Association will be held in the court house, Norristown, on Tuesday, March 18, 1919. The morning session beginning at 10 a. m., will include an opening address by Theodore Lane Bean, Esq., a response thereto by Commissioner Roy A. Hatfield, and an address by M. J. McCradden. At the afternoon session, beginning at 1:30, there will be an address by W. H. Fulweller, discussions, and the election of officers.

Two Cent Postage.

It has been announced by the P. O. Department, Washington, that on and after July 1st the rates of postage will be the same as before the war. The two cent postage will be adequate for most of the district letters but will also be retained for local letters sent. Postcards will only require one cent instead of two cents postage.

#### COUNCILMEN OF COLLEGEVILLE AND TRAPPE VISIT STATE

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

On Tuesday Burgess F. W. Gristock, Councilmen Daniel Wald and Wm. Hill and Solicitor A. Hendricks, of Collegeville, and Burgess W. Z. Anders, Councilmen J. K. Harley, M. B. Schrock, A. H. Detwiler, and Solicitor Ralph Wismer, of Trappe, journeyed to the State Highway Department at Harrisburg, and presented the matter of improving Main street in both boroughs. State Highway Commissioner Sadler courteously received the delegation and gave every attention to the statements presented. The members of the delegation were told that the Department next year would permanently build eighteen feet of the width of the street (36 feet) next year, and proposed to unite with the boroughs in temporarily improving the street this year—the boroughs each to furnish \$1,000 worth of crushed stone and the Department to do the work and furnish the oil. The proposition was gladly accepted by the delegation. In the matter of permanently improving Main street, the Traction Company will be expected and required under existing ordinances to pay for seven feet of the width of the street and the boroughs eleven feet. The citizens of both boroughs will be glad to be informed of the success of the visit of the delegation from the two boroughs to the State Highway Department, and of the improvement to the street this year, and of the permanent improvement that will follow.

BYRON S. FEGELY REPORTED DEAD.

Last Friday Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Fegely, of Trappe, received the sad information from the War Department at Washington that it was officially reported that their son Byron died on October 13, 1918. No other information or proof has been received. The sorely bereaved parents and sisters of the departed son and brother had been kept in distressing suspense ever since early in October, when they received meagre information to the effect that he suffered "shell shock" and had been taken to a hospital. Since then all efforts to obtain definite information from the War Department proved futile. It is for the War Department to give a satisfactory reason for the apparently gross inefficiency which caused so much mental anguish. Since October the parents received indirect information that Byron and a companion were shell-shocked in the Argonne section, France, October 2; that the companion was instantly killed and that Byron was severely shocked; that before he was taken to the hospital his condition was not regarded very serious, but the informant could give no information as to the location of the hospital. Therefore, the parents, notwithstanding appeals to the War Department, were deprived of knowledge which rightfully belonged to them.

Byron S. Fegely, who was in his 24th year, was reared in Trappe. He graduated from Ursinus College in the class of 1916, and subsequently taught in the High School at Hamburg, N. J. He had just been elected teacher of History and Economics at the War Draft at Roselle Park, N. J., when drafted into the service of his country, becoming a member of the 7th Regiment Medical Department, A. E. F. While in service his duties required him to assist in removing the wounded and lying from the battlefields to the nearest relief stations.

During his boyhood days, and while acquiring his college education, Mr. Fegely gave much attention to music and became an expert performer on various instruments, including the pipe organ. He had many friends, because of his cheerful, lovable disposition and kindness of heart. Like many others (who sacrificed their lives because of the cruelties, agonies, and hellishness of war—precipitated by the wickedness and heartlessness of ambitious tyrants) he was a splendid type of all that is noblest and best in our young American manhood.

BASKETBALL GAME.

The Hi Y Club of Norristown defeated the Collegeville Boy Scouts in a fast and exciting basketball game played on the Y. M. C. A. floor, Norristown, on Thursday night. The first half the local quintet of Norristown secured a big lead, but the Scouts finally by skillful and swift playing overcame this lead. At the end of the first half the Scouts led by a score of 14 to 13. Both teams played hard and well in the last half and the lead was exchanged often. In the last minute and a half the score was a tie of 22 points each. One of the Norristown players jumping the ball clean through the net scored 2 points for the Hi. Y. and a moment later they committed a foul and also Alan Hughes dropped the ball clean through the net making the score 23-24. The Norristown team then held our lads safe the next half minute of the game. The brilliant work of A. Hughes, M. Swede and Long featured this closely contested cage battle. The lineup was as follows:

SCOUTS HI. Y. C.  
Hughes forward M. Swede  
G. W. forward S. Swede  
C. Hughes center Long  
H. W. guard Walker  
Gottshalk guard VanFossen  
Field goals—A. Hughes, 7; G. W. C. Hughes, 1; M. Swede, 4; S. Swede, 1; Long, 4; VanFossen, 1. Fouls—A. Hughes, 1; M. Swede, 1; S. Swede, 3.

100,000 Damages Asked.

Damages, aggregating more than \$100,000, are claimed in three suits, instituted against Walter D. Hines, Director General of Railroads. Truman D. Wade, a West Chester attorney, filed the suits at Norristown, Friday. They are based on destruction of property by fire, caused by, it is alleged, sparks from a locomotive of the Reading Railway. Locomotive 151, owned by the Delaware and Potomac Railway, is claimed to have caused the destruction of lumber and coal business plant in North Coventry, near Pottstown.

#### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AT HARRISBURG

Commissioners Roy A. Hatfield, William W. Harper and Hiram Bready of Montgomery county met at Harrisburg on Thursday and discussed road improvement plans for Montgomery county with Highway Commissioner Sadler. With the Montgomery County Commissioners were Senator James S. Boyd and Assemblymen Pike, Hamilton, Haldeman and Black.

The Montgomery Commissioners suggested that their county desires to co-operate in every way possible with the Department and its plans to give the State a permanent highway system. Montgomery county is considering the advisability of increasing its present low indebtedness to an amount which will permit the Commissioners to construct additional roads and free a number of toll roads.

Montgomery county, in the last November election, gave the fifty million dollar bond issue proposition in Chester County a majority of seven thousand majority.

Commissioner Sadler urged that the Montgomery people put on lateral highways the money they have been willing to spend on the primary highways, which are now to be built entirely by the State.

Another conference between the Commissioner and the Montgomery county authorities is scheduled for an early date.

INCREASED ASSESSMENTS.

Lower Merion, Cheltenham and Abington townships maintain their rank as the wealthiest districts in Montgomery county, according to the reports compiled by the men who have listed the triennial assessments for the county. Holdings of Philadelphia which have developed the three suburban townships are best indicated in the statement that, for Lower Merion, the total of all taxables for State purposes is \$55,000,000, while in Cheltenham the total is nearly \$30,000,000, in each instance several times the total of \$10,000,000 listed for Norristown, the largest borough in the United States.

The total assessed valuation of all real estate taxable in all the townships and boroughs of the county is \$139,383,641. The amount of money at interest, including bonds, judgments, mortgages, notes, stocks and like collateral, is \$128,615,654. The aggregate value of all property for county purposes is \$146,312,598, and the aggregate assessed valuation of all property taxable for State purposes, including money at interest, is \$128,549,764. The reports are now in the hands of the Montgomery county commissioners and March 20 has been set for a meeting of the commissioners to pass upon the returns and to hear appeals.

Increases in the assessments in the townships immediately surrounding Philadelphia are far more noticeable than in the boroughs of Norristown, Pottstown, Conshohocken, Lansdale, Jenkintown, Narberth, Ambler, Royersford or North Wales. In Lower Merion township alone the increase is \$1,000,000, while in the larger townships north of Philadelphia, including Cheltenham, Abington and Springfield, the Old York road section, the increases average \$1,000,000, in some cases being more than that figure. Largely increased revenues for municipal purposes accrue to each of these townships this year because of the new assessments.

ESTATES ADJUDICATED.

Adjudications have been handed down by Judge William F. Solly of the Orphans Court in the following estates:

Allice Gibson, late of Norristown: Balance, \$999.65 which is awarded in equal shares to Sarah Heller, Josephine McDermott and Annie Lawler.

Maurice J. Hoover, late of Cheltenham: No balance, estate insolvent.

Henry B. Mull, late of North Wales: Balance, \$8747.02, which is awarded in varying amounts among 28 heirs.

Sarah V. Lutz, late of Skippack: Balance, \$2006.07, of which \$1500.00 is awarded to the Trust Company as trustee for the maintenance of the family burial lot in Mt. Peace cemetery; the balance is awarded to Ethel G. Dye, Irene V. Sissan, Charles Hubert and Eva Hubert.

GERMANY TO BE STRIPPED OF MILITARY POWER.

Military Germany will go out of existence as the result of the adoption by the Supreme Council Monday night of the new terms of the German disarmament as they will go into the peace treaty. These terms provide for a sweeping reduction of the German military establishment down to 100,000 men with 4000 officers, the army to be recruited by the voluntary system for the period of 12 years. The effect of this is to limit Germany's military strength to less than the number of men Switzerland has in her army.

Other provisions in the military terms limit the arms and munitions Germany may possess to a quantity sufficient for 100,000 men and all the remainder must be delivered over or destroyed. The German forts along the Rhine also must be destroyed. The imperial general staff is abolished, as the result of reducing the force.

Discussion of the subject was resumed by the Supreme Council, the effects of the German disarmament. Foch's report on Premier Lloyd George's proposal to reduce Germany's armed force from 200,000 as had been suggested, to 140,000 men and to substitute voluntary for compulsory service.

Marshal Foch favored the change, insisted against Walter D. Hines, Director General of Railroads. Truman D. Wade, a West Chester attorney, filed the suits at Norristown, Friday. They are based on destruction of property by fire, caused by, it is alleged, sparks from a locomotive of the Reading Railway.

While laughing, Helen Rathman, 4 years old, of Reading, swallowed a safety pin but it was removed by a hospital doctor with difficulty.

A high-grade cow, valued at \$25,000, and three calves valued at \$10,000 each, have arrived at the P. M. Sharpless place near West Chester from Waterloo, Iowa.

#### LEGISLATIVE WORK

Harrisburg, March 10, 1919.—Among the bills introduced in the Senate to-night were:

A. B. Bowin, Proprietor, appropriating \$2000 for the payment of losses incident to shipment of cattle, delivery of which was not permitted by the State Live Stock Board.

Mr. Eyre, Chester, authorizing light, heat and power companies to consolidate with motor power or street railway companies.

Mr. Crow, Fayette, amending the compensation act so that in the event that any dependent who at the time of the death of an employee was a widow or widower should remarry, compensation shall cease.

Bills passed finally by the Senate to-night included the following: Appropriating \$30,000 to the Homeopathic State Hospital for the insane at Allentown.

Making it a misdemeanor for any maker or drawer with intent to defraud to make or draw or deliver any checks, draft or order when such person has not sufficient funds in or credit with the depository upon which the check is drawn.

Appropriating \$250,000 to pay for land condemned and designated as located within the boundary of Valley Forge Park.

House bill fixing the compensation of borough and township assessors and assistant assessors at \$5 a day. A new teachers' minimum salary bill was presented to the House to-night by Mr. Palmer, Schuylkill. It provides as follows: Seven months' term, \$500; eight months' term, \$550; nine months' term, \$600; all others, \$45 per school month. The bill applies to all teachers of two years' service and holding higher than provisional certificates. An appropriation of \$3,350,000 is carried and it is provided the State shall not be relieved from increases heretofore provided.

It is the plan of the education committee to consider all teachers' salary bills tomorrow.

Mr. Alexander, Delaware, introduced a bill to make State official time accord with Congressional acts on daylight saving.

An appropriation bill for \$400,000 for the State to furnish medals to Pennsylvanians who served in the war with Germany was presented by Mr. Totten, Lackawanna. The Adjutant General is to be in charge.

Other bills presented were: By Mr. Cox, Philadelphia, authorizing Philadelphia director of safety to fix date for applications for licenses for pool and billiard tables.

Mr. Palmer, Schuylkill, fixing fees of promotor in counties having between 200,000 and 1,000,000 population.

Mr. Simpson, Allegheny, making incurable insanity cause for divorce.

Mr. Curry, Armstrong, regulating election of school board officers in second, third and fourth classes.

Mr. Hoffman, Lancaster, appropriating \$272,546.10 to meet normal schools deficit.

Mr. Lafferty, Philadelphia, appropriating \$240,000 to Jefferson Medical College.

REORGANIZATION OF STATE DEPARTMENTS.

Harrisburg, March 11.—Politicians, job-holders and office-seekers were dismayed to-day when Governor William C. Sproul issued a statement, calling for the reorganization of several State departments, abolishing bureaus and boards, and adopting a plan of conservation which will force out of office many persons who for years have drawn big salaries for no other reason except that they "stood in" with the leaders.

Probably the biggest sensation that the politicians have felt for years was created when Governor Sproul announced that bills have been and will be drawn for the following purposes: Abolishing the office of Erie Marshal and transferring its duties and powers to the office of State police.

Abolishing the State quarantine Board and providing for the enforcement of the laws relating to the State quarantine by the State Department of Health.

Creating the Department of Conservation, which will enforce the laws heretofore enforced by the Department of Fisheries, the Department of Forestry, the Board of Game Commissioners, the Water Supply Commission and the State Forestry Reservation Commission.

Extending the powers of the State police, so as to make the organization a self-centred and comprehensive crime-detecting and crime-preventing organization.

Providing for the creation of a commission of 25 members to study and report to the General Assembly upon the subject of the revision and amendments to the Constitution of Pennsylvania. This body will determine or not whether a constitution convention should be called.

Creating a State Art Commission in the Department of the Commissioners of Public Grounds and Buildings. This body, of five members, would pass upon public monuments and members, would pass upon public monuments and memorials to be erected in the State.

Providing for the construction of the bridge between Philadelphia and Camden.

Providing legislation to prevent fraud and deception in the sale of securities.

Providing for the return to the State of a portion of the personal property taxes.

Providing for a geological survey of the State.

Creating a sinking fund when the amount of bonds to be issued for road buildings, to be issued within the next two years, is determined.

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Purchased Home in Jeffersonville.

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TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY SENATOR AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE AT HARRISBURG.

GENTLEMEN:—I respectfully submit that you are under obligations to vote in favor of the repeal of what is known as the Sunday Blue Law of 1794, for the reasons incorporated in the following considerations:

1. The Sunday Blue Law of 1794 reflects the Puritanism of the eighteenth century. Whatever causes or influences determined its enactment, it long since became antiquated and inharmonious with the habits, customs, and various activities of many thousands of reputable members of society in this State. It is now regarded by such members of society as an arbitrary and unjust infringement upon the common rights and just liberties of the people.

2. The law should be repealed because it is very obviously impracticable of enforcement; because it makes lawbreakers of citizens who indulge in many forms of rational and harmless recreation on Sundays that do not happen to appeal to those who would dictate to others respecting matters not within the rightful province of the dictators. It is a law that makes lawbreakers of persons operating automobiles on Sunday—a lawbreaker of every company that operates a steam railway or trolley car; it makes lawbreakers of those who find recreation or enjoyment in various inherently innocent and harmless games. Under the Sunday Blue Law at least one-half of the entire population of the State are lawbreakers and therefore criminals in the eyes of the law, on Sundays.

3. Good citizenship depends not on human beliefs, creeds, and prejudices, but on good, decent, upright conduct on the part of citizens EVERY DAY of every week—not upon spasmodic righteousness with intervals of cant and hypocrisy. That which is inherently and morally wrong, and that which militates against good citizenship on Sundays is wrong and out of order any other day of the week. It is not right to bear false witness against one's neighbor on Sunday, and it is not right to do so upon any weekday.

4. The continued existence of the human race requires the breathing of the oxygen of the air every moment of life; requires the consumption of food EVERY day of the week, and so forth; and, it is in place to note that if some good people would take more exercise and eat less on Sundays perhaps there would be less inclination, at times, to entertain a pessimistic view regarding the actions of other individuals. Big meals or immoderate eating on Sundays are frequently more harmful than during other days of the week, because of insufficient physical activity. The sun shines, the rain and dew falls, and all forms of vegetation thrive in season on Sundays, just like on all other days. Sorrow and distress do not avoid humanity on Sundays—then why should the natural, harmless joys of living be circumscribed or bottled up cork tight on Sundays? What sense or justice is there in keeping a law on the statute books of the State that cannot, in the nature of existing human conditions, be enforced?

5. It is the proper function of government to protect the lives and property and just rights of all citizens; to fully protect those who gather on Sunday to worship God according to their own views and desires from any disturbance or interference whatsoever, and to equally protect those who choose to find rational recreation (without interfering with the likings and rights of others) in their privilege under a form of government that claims protection to the just liberties of all.

Those who most unctiously and insistingly protest against the repeal of the Sunday Blue Law are respectfully advised that whatever condition of human society existed in former centuries, the time has gone by when the masses of mankind can be compelled either by law, or by dogmatic anathemas, to conform themselves to the arbitrary wishes, beliefs or opinions of any combination of men who assume to delegate to themselves the authority to determine what shall or shall not be done on Sundays, aside from what is wrong or immoral or disorderly on any other days of the week. The time has gone, and it will never return. Those who believe otherwise are entitled to their belief, but they have no right to even attempt to enforce their belief upon others. Those who believe otherwise are respectfully reminded that it is a matter of common observation that the Protestant churches are steadily losing their attractive hold upon the present and oncoming generations, because, in part at least, of their utilization of outworn and condemnatory theological scarecrows and threats. This loss can only be in a measure prevented, in the future, by attracting, not repelling the young men now within and without the church. The young men are quite willing to pay heed to all manner of moral admonitions if presented in a reasonable way, and it is by no means a difficult matter to appeal to their natural sense as to what is right and honorable. They can be permanently influenced in no other way. Their recreations and games they themselves know to be helpful, not harmful, so long as they do not interfere with the rights and privileges of others. Therefore, they cannot be either persuaded or enforced to comply with arbitrary and unreasonable demands. What is remarked of the young men applies with equal force to adults, within and without the church. I am not in harmony with the theology of the Roman Catholic church, nor am I required to discriminate in favor of that religious system, but does it not appear very strange that the Protestants do not apply the same diplomacy the Catholic authorities exercise. The Catholic church practically says to its members: The church requires of you faithful attention to your religious duties on Sunday. After you have discharged these duties you are free for the remainder of the day to enjoy such harmless recreation or amusement as may attract your attention and interest.

Sunday should be seriously regarded as a day of cessation from the usual toil of weekdays; as a day not only for the performance of what are conceived to be duties in harmony with popular or unpopular religious beliefs, but also as a day for giving special attention to the consideration of MORAL OBLIGATIONS arising from the natural relationships existing between two or more individuals; also, considerations respecting intellectual advancement. All such observance of the Sabbath will contribute to all that is good and beautiful and true in all religions. To assist in maintaining a Sabbath Day of this kind the church must sooner or later recognize the need and importance of various forms of harmless diversions and amusements on Sundays for those who desire such diversions and amusements.

The Sunday Blue Law of 1794 is obsolete. It should be repealed. Will you, our lawmakers from Montgomery county, held to repeal it? If not, why not?

A PLAN THAT DESERVES A TRIAL.

Warden P. E. Thomas of the Ohio Penitentiary has evolved a plan which in application should prove effectual in apprehending certain reckless motorists largely devoid of human feeling and conscience. The warden's plan provides for permanently illuminated automobile tags that will prevent a mean and contemptible motorist, often running down a pedestrian, or doing some other unlawful act, from switching off his tail light and get away without identification. The warden reasons thus: "If we can have radio light watch dials, why not phosphorescent auto tags?" May his plan prove workable. It may help to bring some reprobates within the reach of justice.

WAYS TO ERADICATE SLUGS IN GARDENS

Insects Are Menace to Gardeners and Mushroom Growers.

Poisoned Bait, Clean Culture and Use of Lime and Powders Recommended to Destroy Destructive Member of Snail Family.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Bait poisoned with arsenic, clean culture in garden and greenhouse, and the use of lime and powders, such as finely powdered salt and road dust, are recommended as means of destroying the spotted garden slug and other injurious garden slugs.

The spotted garden slug, which frequently becomes a menace to gardeners and mushroom growers, is somewhat wormlike in appearance, ranges in length from one-half inch to nearly seven inches, and varies in color from a yellowish gray, or brown, mottled with black, to nearly black. It thrives in damp, dark locations, such as under old decaying boards and logs, in cellars and creameries, along paths and beneath damp refuse. It is particularly fond of lettuce, tomatoes, peas, beans and other vegetables when grown either under glass or in the open, and frequently causes damage in mushroom beds, to celery during the bleaching process, and to vegetables, especially potatoes, in the garden. It is very difficult to control. Spraying with arsenicals is impracticable, because slugs avoid most poisonous substances. Boiled or baked potatoes sprinkled with white arsenic have been found to be the most effective remedy. It is to surround the beds with a border about two inches wide, using lime, salt, or road dust, which prevents the slugs from passing. Cleaning up the hiding places of the slug and sprinkling lime, which is the standard remedy for slugs, about infested areas, is the best treatment in gardens and greenhouses.

The common toad is among the slug's few natural enemies. Owing to its habits of feeding by night and concealing itself during the day, the slug is very difficult to control. Spraying with arsenicals is impracticable, because slugs avoid most poisonous substances. Boiled or baked potatoes sprinkled with white arsenic have been found to be the most effective remedy. It is to surround the beds with a border about two inches wide, using lime, salt, or road dust, which prevents the slugs from passing. Cleaning up the hiding places of the slug and sprinkling lime, which is the standard remedy for slugs, about infested areas, is the best treatment in gardens and greenhouses.

INSURE SAFE WATER SUPPLY

Woodlot or Orchard Conserve Soil Moisture and Rainfall—Should Be Kept Clean.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

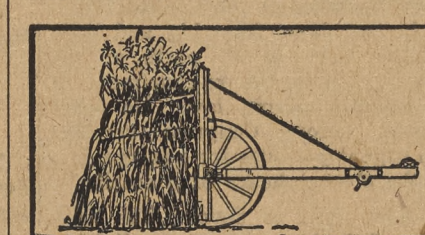
On any farm a woodlot, grove, or windbreak is highly desirable, not only to supply fuel and small timber, but for its beauty and the protection it affords. If kept clean and free from stock, such wooded area, an orchard even, may be made to serve another useful purpose, that of supplying water, says Farmers' Bulletin 941, "Water Systems for Farm Homes." Forest-covered lands conserve rainfall and soil moisture, and in many instances afford ideal sources for farm water supplies. The farmer, therefore, who fences off his woodlot, or part of it, or forests an inclosed area and keeps it clean for water supply purposes, is following closely the wise policy of cities and towns which, to insure safe, ample water supplies, acquire elevated, sparsely settled watersheds, and clean, forest, and patrol them.

SHOCK LOADER QUITE HANDY

Means Provided on Tongue Secured to Axle for Moving Frame to Horizontal Position.

The Scientific American in illustrating and describing a shock loader, the invention of G. Hackley of Ahol, Mo., says:

The object of this invention is to provide a shock loader in which the frame is pivoted to an axle which is supported by wheels, means being



Side Elevation Showing Frame in Vertical Position.

mounted on the wheels for drawing the shock loader against when the frame is in a vertical position and holding it, and means being mounted on a tongue secured to the axle for moving the frame in a horizontal position.

DROUGHT-RESISTANT PLANT

Department of Agriculture Finds Varieties Especially Adapted to Great Plains.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Improved and uniform varieties of sorghum, millet, alfalfa, and broom grass capable of resisting drought and especially adapted to climate and soil conditions of the northern portions of the great plains have been obtained by the United States department of agriculture by selection from mixed commercial stocks.

ROUSES HENS FROM INACTION

Theory as to Benefit of Use of Artificial Illumination Would Seem to Be Plausible.

How can artificial illumination have any effect on egg production, is the question being asked by some skeptical poultrymen who have never made any tests.

The answer is, according to the workers in poultry husbandry at the New York state college of agriculture, that the light appears to equalize the time between meals and to shorten the period of inactivity of the fowls during the long nights.

The long nights of the late fall and winter months apparently cause the fowls to use a larger proportion of the night feed for bodily needs than would be the case under normal conditions in the springtime, when the days and the nights are of practically equal length.

At the time of the year when fowls lay the most eggs in New York state—the months of April, May and June—the days and the nights are approximately of equal length. Under these conditions, fowls appear to assimilate their feed, receive the proper amount of exercise, and form their eggs to best advantage.

The latter part of December there are about fifteen hours of darkness and

nine hours of daylight, whereas in the latter part of June the reverse is true—there are approximately fifteen hours of daylight and nine hours of darkness. In other words, illumination attempts to imitate existing conditions so far as the hours of activity and the regulation of feed supply are concerned.

CROW IS ENEMY OF FARMER

Under Modern Conditions There Seems Little Reason for the Bird's Continued Existence.

The record of the crow is like its coat—about as black as black can be—a writer in Detroit Free Press says. It may be that in the great plan of nature, some time in the past, the crow served a useful purpose—like the hawk and the buzzard. Take the buzzard, for example. Once protected by human laws everywhere because useful for removing carrion, the stench of which offended the nostrils of all animal life, it is now outlawed, because man realizes that it is better to burn or bury the dead—leaving no excuse for the existence of the disease-carrying buzzard. So, in the beginning, the mission of the crow, we may conjecture, was to preserve some equilibrium, some balance in the economy of nature. It may be he was placed here to hold in check the weed seed and grain eating birds, because weeds were a factor in the past in covering the waste places of the earth, making them fertile. However, that may have been, there seems to be no excuse for his existence now. Since man, the agriculturist, seeds the waste places to useful grains and grasses and needs the help of the insectivorous birds.

Tokyo to Treble Its Population.

If plans adopted by a special committee are carried out, Tokyo will become a city with an area of 226 square miles—a startling contrast to its present area of 30 square miles. The Tokyo Asahi claims that the absorption of the scores of suburban cities, some of which the editor says possess larger populations than other principal cities, excepting Osaka, Yokohama, Kobe, Kyoto and Nagoya, will make Tokyo the largest city in the world. Suburban Tokyo now includes the populous residential and industrial communities of Shinagawa, Meguro, Shibuya, Harajuku, Yodobashi, Nakano, Otsuka, Sugamo and many others. These towns are no longer suburbs, but parts of Greater Tokyo, and the movement is to bring them under one administration.

Old New Year's Day.

The act for the change of style provided that the legal year in England, 1752, should commence, not on the 25th of March, but on the first of January, and that after the third of September of that year, the new year should be held as the 14th, thus dropping out 11 days. A similar change was made about the same time in Sweden and Tuscany, and Russia and Greece are now the only countries using the old style. The years 1800 and 1801, not being considered by us as leap years, have interested more than 11 days, actually making the difference 13 days between old and new style.

Will Not Read Bible in Schools.

The Atlanta board of education at a recent meeting reversed its action which ordered the reading of the Bible and repeating the Lord's prayer in the public schools of the city. This action was taken by the board after having heard read the address of the late Senator Joseph E. Brown, war governor of Georgia and the first president of the Atlanta board of education, which was delivered in 1873, and in which the Georgia senator delivered an argument against enforcing the use of the Bible in the schools.

Lawyer's Humor.

Mr. Hohenzollern says he prefers not to think of his exit from Germany as "flight." While we would like to agree with William, we cannot help thinking of a phrase that occurs in real estate leases. When a tenant is thrown out for not paying his rent or for abusing the premises the lawyers call it "an amicable action in ejectment."—Collier's Weekly.

CHANCE FOR COAL EXCHANGE

Britain Has Too Much Anthracite and New York Has a Surplus of Bituminous.

In England the coal controller is trying to induce the people to burn anthracite in place of bituminous coal. He offers to exchange two tons of large anthracite for every ton of bituminous coal that consumers have on hand. The United States and States the fuel administration has been trying to get consumers to use bituminous coal in place of anthracite. Welsh anthracite mines are operating on part time, while English and Welsh bituminous coal mines are working overtime, says the New York Commercial.

This would be a fine chance for exchange of products if shipping were available, and it soon will be. New York city needs anthracite and can get a surplus of bituminous coal. England needs the latter and can spare the former. In England most of the people do not know how to burn anthracite. New Yorkers are ignorant of the way to use bituminous coal. The English persist in using open grates for heating rooms, and find it hard to make anthracite burn in them. In New York the open grate is found only in the homes of the wealthy. England shivers with plenty of anthracite in sight, while New York is threatened with a famine of domestic sizes of anthracite. Each regards the other as pigheaded, because neither knows how to use the fuel available. It's an odd world.

WELCOME DEATH'S COLD HAND

Little Wonder That Men Who Realize Their Appalling Loneliness Should End It All.

Alone. Not a living soul near to whom to speak. Forsaken it seems almost by God, whose presence scarce can penetrate the confused jangle of the city slums. Alone and penniless, with none to know or care. It is a harder lot by far than death. What wonder that men die?

Alone—with bitter thoughts of failure crowding through the interstices of a sluggish brain. Alone—with not even two cents to rub in warming friction, clammy hands thrust into empty pockets. It is hard to go and die. It is hard to die. What wonder that men die?

They come and stay with us a while and pass, defying God and man. They come and stay with us a while and pass, defying God and man. They come and stay with us a while and pass, defying God and man.

Petrarch and Laura.  
Petrarch's romance with Laura is one of the curiosities of literature. He first saw her on Good Friday, April 6, 1327. Whether or not his devotion to her, which inspired all his love poetry and set a standard for ages to come, was inspired by any passion of the heart is firmly disputed. In fact many believe that Petrarch and Laura never met. That she appeared to him, however, as the perfect woman no one can deny after reading his impassioned lines.—Christian Science Monitor.

Tit for Tat.  
Stevie and Robbie were cousins, and although very fond of each other, did not always agree. One day Robbie's mother entered the room where the little ones were playing, and was immediately appealed to by her son. "Mamma, mayn't Stevie tell me my faults?" "What do you want Stevie to tell your faults for?" asked Robbie's mother in astonishment. "So that I can tell Stevie his," was the unexpected reply.

Proper Care of Cellar.  
Cellars will acquire a musty odor after being closed for some time. To remove dampness as well as to disinfect the cellar, sprinkle chloride of lime on the floor and close up the cellar for a few days. Then open the windows and let in the air until the chloride of lime odor disappears and your cellar will be ready for storing vegetables.

Served Him Right.  
A Bangor newspaper man, bringing from his garden at Hampden a lot of potatoes in an old suitcase, was stopped by a deputy sheriff, who insisted that he should open the suitcase. When he did so all the potatoes rolled out on the sidewalk. The crowd made the unwilling deputy pick all the potatoes up and pack them in again.

Secret of Concentration.  
One reason for the remarkable powers of concentration possessed by some is the intense love of their work, into which they throw themselves with such ardor as to forget everything else about them. And this, after all, is the secret of all success—to forget oneself in one's work and to become a part of that work itself and so achieve "forgetting and forgetting" of all about except the one task to which force, physical and mental, has been brought.

Cutting Down Work Hours.  
Charles W. Runyon, clerk of the Martin circuit court, who attended the meeting of county clerks and who is said to be the youngest clerk in the state, has a daughter, Alice, just starting to school.

Alice was a little desk Santa Claus had brought her. She had apparently been in a deep study for some time when she suddenly looked up and said: "Mother, I have made a new resolution." "What resolution have you made, my dear?" replied Mrs. Runyon. "Well, mother," said Alice, "I'm not going to work so hard next year as I did this."—Indianapolis News.

Birds Steal Tickets.  
Birds are fast taking the place of men on the benches of trains, according to John E. Sexton, president of the Eureka-Nevada Railroad company of Palisade, Nev.

Sexton says birds, especially sparrows and linnets, are extremely lazy this year, and instead of flying from the East to the West are riding the brakebeams.

Citing an instance, Sexton said that about 300 birds riding on a Southern Pacific train passing through Nevada from the east recently flew from their perches between the coaches when the train passed over a rough crossing.

Causes of Commercial Growth.  
The chief causes of the growth of international commerce from less than \$2,000,000,000 in 1818 to approximately \$50,000,000,000 in 1918 are growth in population, cheapening in transportation and a division of labor among groups of men the world over.

Patti's Beauty Vanishes.  
According to a writer in Everybody's Magazine, "Patti lives, not only in our hearts, but really, in the flesh, at the age of seventy-six, in her magnificent castle of Craig-Y-Nw, ten miles north of Swansea, in South Wales, on which she has spent quite half a million. She lives there with her third husband, Baron Cederstrom, and sometimes, when they feel inclined, they throw open their theater, a replica of the Batheurst theater, and give one of the operas in which Patti once thrilled the world. Until recently Patti was even sometimes prevailed upon to appear at Albert hall in London for the benefit of some charity, but her beauty is quite gone—it has faded away like her voice. And so for the most part she is happy in her Welsh fastnesses among the neighbors, who will always call her the 'Queen of Wales.'"

Dutch Select Wireless Site.  
The site for the wireless station intended for communication between the Netherlands and the Dutch East Indies has finally been decided on. The Koelberg hill, which is 86 meters high and located in Hoog-Buurl, near Apeldoorn, was selected, according to the Scientific American.

A new railway line will be constructed from Rotterdam to the station to have four towers, each 210 meters high, a large power house and building for housing the operatives. The communicating station in India is to be built near Bandong in the Pangerang, so that the distance between the two stations will be some 11,000 kilometers.

Ancient Rock Engravings.  
The prehistoric art museum lately revealed in Montequi-Avantes, Arles, southern France, contains rock engravings estimated to be 30,000 years old. Continuing the exploration interrupted by the war, Count Begouen and his three sons discovered on the inner walls of the cavern a bas relief of a real lion, with numerous figures of reindeer, bisons, horses, bears, elephants, rhinoceroses, and such birds as ducks and swans. Strangest of all is a silhouette of a powerful man, with thick neck, distinctly human limbs, feet and hands, and a tall, and represented walking on all fours.

One Possibility.  
He—"Nothing could ever come between us, could it, dear?" She—"I don't think of a single thing, unless I should happen to become engaged to some other man before we get married."—Pearson's Weekly.

We Wouldn't, You May.  
"Would you call the lady you sing with in the church choir a chanta acquaintance?"—Boston Transcript.

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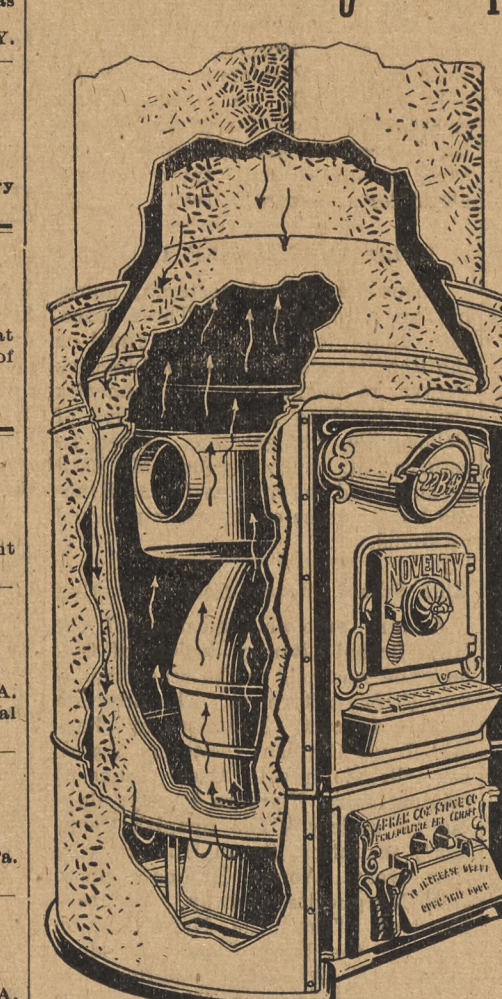
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### Brad Merrell, Guardian

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There was vituperation loud and deep on Turkey Creek. The owner of the ranch, himself temporarily brought low by a refractory cayuse, was expecting a visitor from the East—his niece—and Brad Merrell had been told off to act as her guide, if not philosopher and friend.

Brad was the steadiest man on the ranch. This fact was enough for his employer. He was also the worst woman-hater. This fact made it too much for Brad.

"Why couldn't it be her Paper-Collar Joe?" he demanded collectively and fiercely of the men, as they loitered outside the bunkhouse. "He'd be like a high-stepper with a new harness on. He'd sooner talk soft to a woman than rope the liveliest steer that ever belled. But me! I won't be nothin' to do with her. I'll take my time in the mornin', I'll light out overnigh—I'll burn down the whole ranch!"

"Now, Brad," wheedled Tom Mason, affectionately known as Old Soft Soap, by reason of his peacemaking propensities—"Now, Brad, jest stop an' think. Ye've yer own nice little place up on Turkey creek, where ye kin look after it handy, an' all plans made fer the summer. What would ye do with the rest of the season of ye take yer time now? Yer place is rented, it's too late to get taken on anywhere else, an' ye'd only lase round an' spend yer wad. This tenderfoot gal'll only stay a few weeks, an' it'll be a rest fer ye."

"Rest!" bellowed Brad. "Rest! I'll wreck every nerve in my carcass. She'll be one of two kinds; she'll either squeal every time she sees a lizard, an' be afraid of her own shadow, or she'll carry a blamed tin box fer bugs an' things. She'll either gush around about me bein' 'so picturesque,' or she'll be shocked at my language, an' my pipe, an' try to reform me. Rest! A woman'll let a man rest only when she's been buried an' has a granite monument over her!"

Old Soft Soap prevailed, however. In the end, "Next morning Brad started for the railroad, as a lamb begins its journey to the shambles, yet with a most unalike mien and accoutrement, for his pistol-belt and dirk, his leathern "chaps" and rakish sombrero, proclaimed him a "bad man." Indeed, the Overland Limited was late, and the engine seemed to puff and whistle its disgust at being stopped at the little station that nestled itself above the surrounding sea of grass. With much complaining and creaking it halted for a moment, and then its rattling links clanked slowly up the rise.

Brad looked for a mass of furbelows and a Saratoga trunk, but the platform was vacant except for an ample female, standing beside a bulging carpet-bag, a heap of boxes and bundles, and a shrouded bird cage.

"She ain't comin'," muttered Brad, his skies brightening.

The ample figure bore down upon him like a ship under sail. It was surrounded by a pleasant face of florid complexion, beneath a broad hat and a veil of grass green.

"Can you tell me if Turkey Creek ranch is anywhere near here?" she asked.

"Yes, ma'am," answered Brad, awkwardly pulling at his hatband. "It's only about twenty-five miles over east. Was ye wantin' to go there?"

"That's what I came for," she replied promptly. "I'm Orphelia Gordon, an' I've come to visit my uncle, John Taylor."

"Ye're Orph—Miss Gordon?" exclaimed Brad. "Why, I thought—" he checked himself suddenly.

"Yes, I s'pose you did think I was a young girl," she retorted. "No harm done. I was once, an' if I ain't so good-looking as I was then, I know a heap more. If you've come for me, don't let's lose any time, but help me get my baggage loaded, an' we'll be startin'."

The cage cover fell apart, and a brilliant red and green head appeared. It cocked itself impudently on one side, one beady eye looked Brad over from head to foot, and a high-pitched, energetic voice ejaculated:

"You be blamed!"

For the first time the bewildered look on the man's face relaxed, and a grin spread over his bronzed features. The woman's florid face deepened, and finally she too laughed.

"I'm ashamed of Polly's language. Old Doctor Henderson told me once that it was as bad for me, a professor, to keep a profane parrot as if I was profane myself; but I might've had a hunk of the more, and the minister wouldn't have wanted me to get a divorce for that. Besides, this bird is more knowin' and less troublesome than any man I ever saw."

"I don't mind him swearin' at me," said Brad, recollecting his ferocious argument. "I reckon I ain't much of a picture."

She turned, and for the first time scrutinized her companion.

"Land!" she said reassuringly. "You're all right for a cowboy, away out on the frontier this way. You look like a man, any way, and not like some of them perfumed little counter-jumpers back in Harmon Center."

Brad straightened his slouching shoulders and walked across after the last piece of luggage with a swagger that set his spurs jingling. Just as he stooped to pick it up Miss Gordon checked him sharply.

"Leave that basket alone! That's Jeremy Taylor, and he's the toughest Martese that ever spit. It hurts his feelings enough to be shut up that way, and if a stranger handled him he'd have a fit. I'll hold him in my lap as we drive. No, you needn't help me. I've been gettin' in and out over wheels all my life, and this buck-wagon overhead check-reins on your horses. I belong to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and I'm sorry to see you wear spurs."

They were trotting swiftly over the prairie, and Brad had recovered his faculties sufficiently to give brief answers to Miss Gordon's running fire of questions and observations. Suddenly the man involuntarily checked the mustangs that he drove, and gave vent to a smothered exclamation. He looked in perplexed alarm at Miss Gordon.

"What's the matter? Sick?" she queried.

He pointed to a horseman some distance in front of them.

"Bill Jukes," he answered briefly. "He's promised to shoot me at eight, and he's likely drunk enough not to know whether you're a man or woman. You drive an' I'll get out an' meet him

on foot. I'll come back after ye soon, or else—Sykes, a mile north of the station, will bring ye over to Turkey Creek."

As he proffered the reins, Brad already had his revolver out of its belt. She gave an indignant sniff.

"It's likely I'll drive off and leave you to be shot! Give me them reins, and you look to your guns. We'll drive by Mr. Jukes at a pretty good pace, and if you should happen to hurt him—may the Lord have mercy on him!"

Shaking off Brad's restraining touch, and deaf to his expostulations, she put the whip to the ponies, and the buck-board lurched forward on the deeply-cut trail. Jukes was bearing down upon them, his face inflamed with drunken rage. Two or three shots whistled past them. Miss Gordon held the reins tightly and ducked her head. Brad fired repeatedly as they passed, and just beyond them Jukes reeled heavily from the saddle. With an effort the woman brought the team to a standstill.

"I'm glad I fastened Polly's cage on good and tight!" was the first exclamation. Then, noticing a broken check-rein: "I'll get a piece of twine out of my pocket to tie up that strap. Why, your sleeve's all bloody. I do believe that nasty wretch hit you!"

"Hush, Brad," I guess, Miss Gordon, replied that man a little uncertainly; "but I hope—that is, I'm afraid I've done for Jukes!"

They looked back. The outlaw lay motionless by the trail, his bridle rein still over his nervous arm.

As the rays of the setting sun slanted level across the prairie, a strange procession stopped at Turkey Creek ranch. Miss Gordon still drove, superintended by Jeremy Taylor, who thrust his head through a hole in the lid of his basket and glared balefully at the universe in general. Beside her sat Brad, pale under his tan, with his right arm swung from his neck. At the tail of their chariot, so to speak, was tied the horse of Bill Jukes, and fastened in the saddle, plentifully bandaged and besmudged with blood, was the man himself. His manner was drooping in the extreme, while from an opening in the cage cover Polly bestowed an unbroken succession of choice epithets upon the captive.

Miss Gordon, of them all, was unruffled, and she explained with a cheerfulness that was almost airy:

"Jukes rode down on us, shootin' and swearin' dreadful, and Mr. Merrell had to defend us, of course, so I took the lines. Then we couldn't go off and leave the man layin' there, maybe to die, so we went back, and I bandaged him up, and we brought him along. You can do what you want to with him. I don't reckon he feels very spruce, seen' that he was shot through the lung, an' that Polly's been swearin' at him every step of the way. Mr. Merrell, here, got a bullet in his arm, and has bled considerable, though it's only a flesh wound."

The gods on Olympus may have been surprised to see Minerva spring full-panoplied from the brain of Jove, but that was the merest ghost of an emotion compared with what the men of Turkey Creek ranch felt when this splendid apparition in dusty black cashmere dawmed upon them, with her nonchalant tale of duely, leading as captive one of the deadliest outlaws of the country. For a minute there were murmurs of exclamations and glances of amazement; and then, as Miss Gordon, bearing Jeremy Taylor, clambered to the ground, Paper Collar Joe, the Chesterfield of the ranch, gracefully advanced.

"Believe me to exist ye, madam!" he began sweetly, but the visitor waved him back.

"Don't you touch Jeremy Taylor, my good young man!" she warned. "I reckon he's had all his nerves will stand for one while."

And Brad, being tenderly helped over the wheel, drawled shakily, with a flourish of his hand:

"No use, Joe. It was too good a chance to lose, so I jest improved it. Miss Gordon's going to come up Turkey creek, to a place, an' live with me—the future Mrs. Merrell, gents!"

Polly craned his head around the back of the seat and ejaculated fiercely: "You be blamed!" while Miss Gordon's face flushed a deeper red as she bridled and exclaimed:

"Oh, pshaw! Ain't you ashamed of yourself, Brad?"

### BEGIN TO RENEW FORESTS

England and Scotland Have Already Started to Replace Trees Cut Down During the War.

England and Scotland are preparing to replant forests which have been cut to provide war supplies. They are not waiting until peace is concluded, but are doing it now. Never before have so many trees been planted in England.

Hunting ranges and sporting grounds have been sacrificed to supply munition factories at home and armies abroad. The old forests were primarily ornamental and incidentally useful, but those which are now being provided for will be primarily useful and incidentally ornamental, says Robert H. Moulton in Popular Mechanics Magazine.

In the United States we are not in so much need of tree planting as they are in the British Isles. But there are two kinds of trees which the war demand has greatly depleted, and they are kinds of much importance—lucust and black walnut.

There is another point to be considered in the planting of these trees: They can be grown on sandy tracts of land which are now considered of no value, and thus reclaim the land.

An excellent illustration of what can be accomplished in the way of reclaiming useless land through the planting of trees has been carried out during the last six or eight years by a resident of Whiteside county, Illinois. In these years he has accomplished the seemingly impossible task of turning some 70 acres of sand, formerly as barren as the desert of Sahara, into a flourishing forest. Nor is that all; for this forest, acting as a sand hind, has been the means of saving other fertile acres from the furores of the drifting sand, and the total result being that the farm has increased several times in value. The sandy tracts, which, before being planted with trees, were practically worthless, are now worth anywhere from \$50 to \$100 an acre.

### HOLYOKE HAS LOST HONOR

Town Officially Declared Not to Have Been the Birthplace of Junius Spencer Morgan.

Holyoke, Mass., which has long claimed the honor of being the birthplace of Junius Spencer Morgan, grandfather of the present J. P. Morgan, has been shown of this fame by the town of West Springfield. This decision has been rendered by the Connecticut Valley Historical Society.

The explanation lies in the fact that

the present city of Holyoke was formerly a part of the town of West Springfield and that, contrary to Holyoke's contention, and the assumption of the Morgan family, the site of the ancestral home of Junius Spencer Morgan is still included within the boundaries of West Springfield, though by a narrow margin.

The present J. P. Morgan received an opportunity to perpetuate family history in West Springfield through the instrumentality of any public gift which appealed to his fancy. Though Mr. Morgan was unresponsive, the contest between Holyoke and West Springfield for birthplace honors progressed merrily and was settled only recently.

### Aviators' Ailments.

Rarefied air affects the aviator as well as his engine, and those who plan to make flying a regular vocation or to make frequent flights to a considerable height are liable to find difficulties in adjusting themselves to the new conditions. Eugene and Lamy reported to the French Academy of Medicine that enlargement of the heart develops in all aviators. In ascending to an altitude where the atmospheric pressure is half that normal to the body or less, extra work is suddenly heaped upon the heart, and if this is repeated often or long continued some adjustment is the natural course. The hypertrophy seems to vary in degree with the height frequented. Chasing and bombing airplanes usually fly above 15,000 feet, and the heart enlargement induced is greater than among the groups of fliers who keep in the zone from 3,000 to 10,000 feet above sea level.

### But There Was a Difference.

Here is a story concerning Sir Arthur Pinero.

It appears that he was on the point of rehearsing a new play, the rehearsal being timed to begin at eleven o'clock.

Looking around at the assembled company, he noticed that one lady was absent.

"Where is Miss Blank?" asked Sir Arthur sharply of his stage manager. "She has permission to come at 11:30," was the reply, "as she is washing her head."

"Nonsense," growled Sir Arthur, in pretended anger, as he took off his hat, displaying his bald head. "Why, I wash my head every morning, yet I'm never late for rehearsal."

### Flu Slays Poor Mexicans.

Ravages of Spanish influenza among the poor charcoal burners who live in the mountains surrounding the Mexican capital are said to be responsible for the unprecedented price which that commodity is bringing. In the last month charcoal, which is generally used for cooking purposes, has increased about 300 per cent in cost. The municipality has made arrangements to buy this product in quantities and retail it at reduced figures. One paper in the capital states that almost 90 per cent of the Indians who supplied the City of Mexico with the fuel were victims of the scourge.

### INVENTION GOT GOOD TRYOUT

Exploit of an Elderly French Aviator, With Particular Hobby, Has Become Legendary.

Another French officer, recently promoted to a very high position in aviation, is a genuine character, a humorist, they say here. He recently spent many hours in perfecting a trick optical sight, guaranteed to down a Boche at any range, angle or speed. He adored his invention, which, he admitted, would probably end the war when fully perfected, and grew quite testy when his friends told him the thing was far too complicated for anything but laboratory use.

A last, though he had reached a non-flying rank and had not flown for months, he installed the optical wonder on a single-seater and went out over the hills to try it out. As luck would have it he fell in with a patrol of eight Albatrosses and the fight that followed has become legendary. Boche after Boche dove on him, riddling his plane with bullets, while the inventor, in a scientific ecstasy, peered this way and through his sight, adjusting set screws and making hasty mental notes. By a miracle he was not brought down, and in the end a French patrol came to his rescue. He had not fired a shot!

At lunch the other day someone asked what sort of a chap this inventor was, and the answer was so exceedingly funny that I will reproduce it word for word: "He detests women and dogs; he has a wife he adores and a dog he can't let out of his sight." A priceless characterization, I think, of a testy yet amiable old martinet—Charles Bernard Nordhoff in the Atlantic Monthly.

### FEWER HEROES' NAMESAKES

One Popular Custom Seems to Have Virtually Ended With Cleveland's Administration.

Americans are abandoning the old custom of naming their children after the heroes of the hour, according to the New York Sun. At the time of the Civil war and immediately thereafter thousands of children were named Abraham Lincoln.

This custom continued about thirty years after the war. The last American president to be honored in this way by any large number of persons was Grover Cleveland. The American army today is jammed with Grover Cleverlands, as boys born during the great democratic administration are just now of the finest fighting age. The slump began during McKinley's term and has continued ever since.

There are comparatively few William McKineys, and even Theodore Roosevelt, with all his immense popularity, gained but few namesakes. President Taft had only a small number of what was to his credit the most fabulous named after him. If time of war has existed for the last two years, it would be imagined that the custom would revive, but there has been only a slight increase.

Out of 43,000 births recorded in Philadelphia in 1918 there were only 27 Woodrow Wilsons and only 7 John Persyses, according to the records of the bureau of vital statistics.

### Any Duty, Mr. Hun?

The Boche customs officer—or rather the former Boche customs officer—at Metz probably will remember one of the final "declarations" he accepted. It was from the correspondent of a Paris paper, who reached Metz ahead of the French troops. The Germans still were in the town they had held since 1870, but in view of the armistice made no attempt to stop the correspondent from entering the city.

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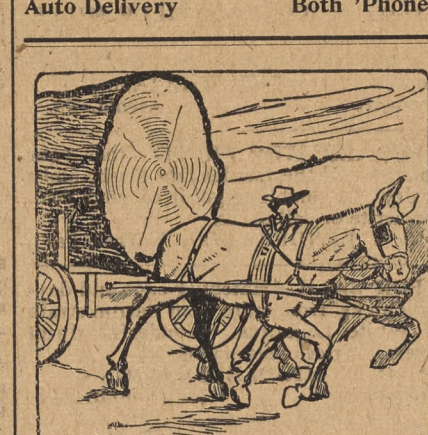
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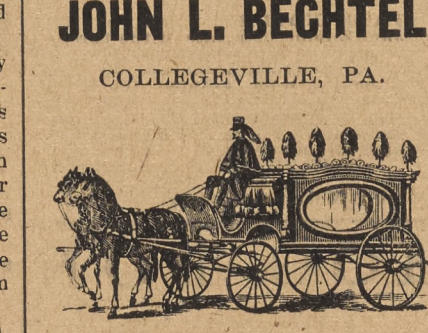
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